

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Objection

SPECIFICATION

The Abstract and Title have been objected to. The Examiner indicates that the Abstract includes inappropriate terms and the Title is not descriptive.

The Abstract and Title have been amended as shown above.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner indicates that the step S109 in Fig. 2 should read --warning-- instead of “worning”.

Fig. 2 has been amended as indicated above.

Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13 and 25 are independent. By this amendment, the independent claims are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,697,106 to Saito (“Saito”).

Independent claims 1, 13 and 25 have been amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites “wherein said operating frequency setting device sets the

operating frequency of said image sensing apparatus based on whether said display unit is turned on or not.” Other independent claims (i.e., claims 13 and 25) are amended in a similar way. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 22, line 22 through page 23, line 25 of the original specification.

One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in the amended claims is directed to saving battery power used by the display device (eg., electronic view finder) in an image sensing apparatus. For example, when the image display device is turned on, the operating frequency is set at the first operating frequency (e.g., a relatively lower frequency) until the shutter switch is pressed. When the shutter switch is pressed, the operating frequency is set at the second operating frequency (e.g., a relatively higher frequency). When, however, the image display device is not turned on, the operating frequency may be set at the second frequency from the beginning.

Saito discloses an image signal processing apparatus in which a movie mode and a record mode can be selected and a different data path is selected for each of the modes using a different operating clock frequency. Saito, however, is silent on whether the one of the data paths is selected based on a determination whether the display device is turned on or not, as required by claims 1, 13 and 25 as amended.

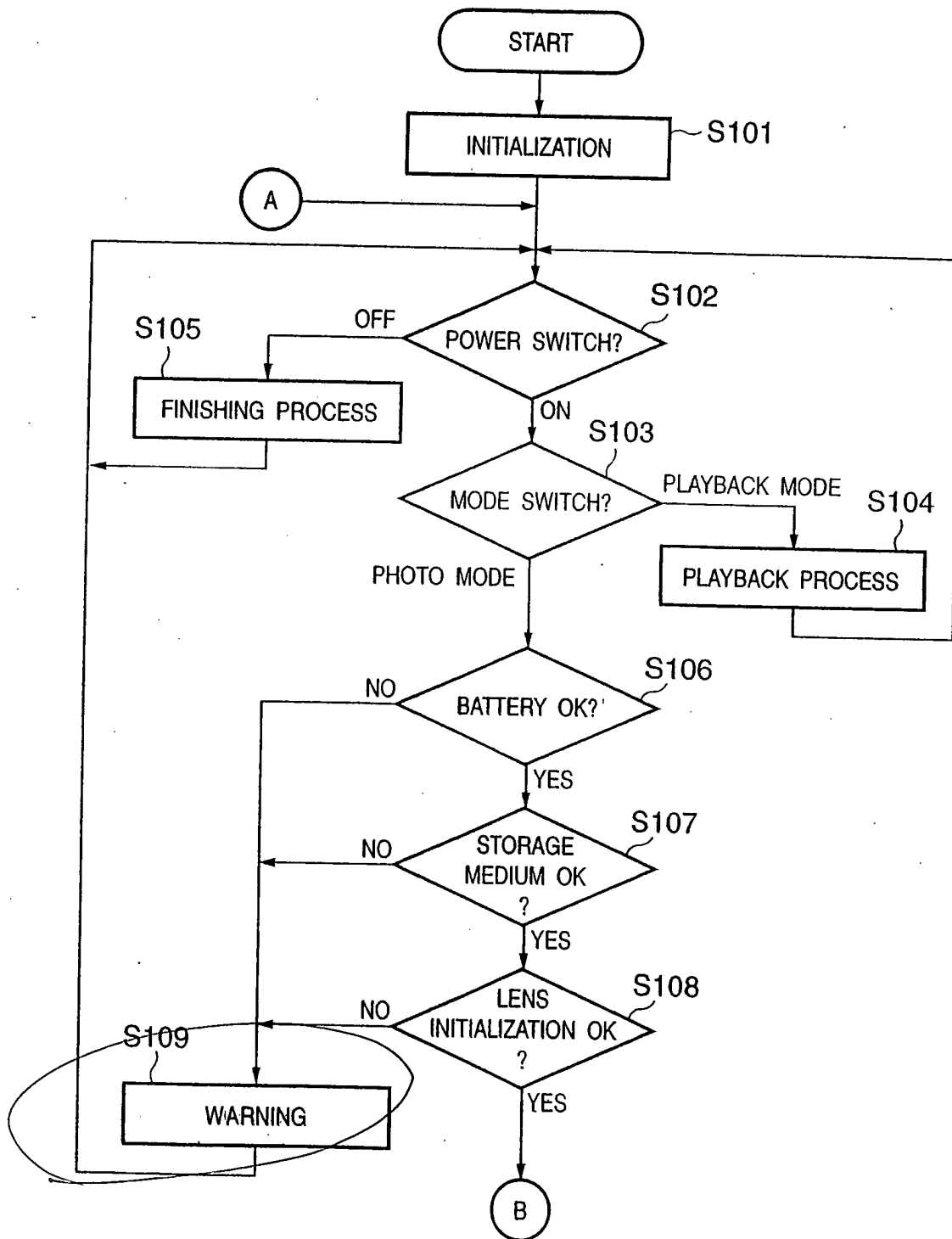
Accordingly, each of claims 1, 13 and 25 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Saito for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 13 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because

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FIG. 2



Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

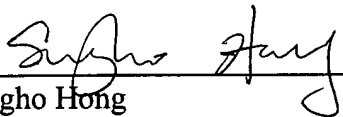
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4713). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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